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From: Margaret Telford <Margaret.Telford@parliament.qld.gov.au> on behalf of State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee <sdlic@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2012 5:45 PM
Subject: Update from the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee

Public hearing schedule for inquiry into the *Economic Development Bill 2012*

The State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee (the committee), as part of its inquiry process, is holding a public hearing at Parliament House in Brisbane on Friday, 9 November 2012 between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

You are invited to attend as an observer to the public hearings on the *Economic Development Bill 2012*.

A list of witnesses, the public hearing schedule and further information about the bill is available from the committee's websites at:

- Economic Development Bill 2012: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/SDIIC/inquiries/current-inquiries/06-EconomicDevelopmentBill>

Submissions

A reminder that written submissions for the bill close at **5.00pm on Friday, 9 November 2012**. Guidelines for making a submission, the Bill and its Explanatory Notes are available on the committee's website: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/SDIIC. Please send your submission to:

The Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

or by email to: sdlic@parliament.qld.gov.au

Tabled reports

The committee tabled its report on the *Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* on 6 November 2012. A copy of the report is available at:

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/SDIIC/2012/05-Sustainable-Planning/Report13-SPOLA.pdf>

In order to be kept up to date with the committee's activities for these inquiries, its program more generally, or to subscribe to receive an automatic alert about the committee's proposed and completed activities, please visit www.parliament.qld.gov.au/SDIIC.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact the committee's research director, Dr Kathy Munro, on 07 3406 7230 or by email to sdlic@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Kind regards

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Kristian Schluter

From: Andrew Powell
Sent: Monday, 5 November 2012 6:52 AM
To: Campbell Newman
Subject: Re: Response to Morning Bulletin

On to it. Andrew

Sent from my iPad

On 05/11/2012, at 6:42 AM, "Campbell Newman" <Campbell.Newman@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Andrew

Thanks for this

I would like you to "blitz" morning radio in Rocky sticking the boot into ALP for their lies

From: Andrew Powell
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 05:56 AM
To: Campbell Newman
Subject: Fwd: Response to Morning Bulletin

Morning Cam

Thought you might find this useful - a response we provided to the Morning Bulletin refuting Trad's false claims re water in mine changes contained in the Economic Development Bill introduced last week.

Cheers
Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brooke Hargraves <Brooke.Hargraves@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Date: 4 November 2012 12:33:20 PM AEST
To: Andrew Powell <Andrew.Powell@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Alex Bernard <Alex.Bernard@ministerial.qld.gov.au>, Troy Collings <Troy.Collings@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Response to Morning Bulletin

Hi Min,

As discussed with Alex and Troy please see the suggested response to the Morning Bulletin attached.

Also worth noting the Premier's comments linking this to the Orica decision. I discussed this briefly with Troy on Friday but may be worth further discussion tomorrow.

Cheers,
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Dirty Plan For Dirty Water

The LNP Government has shown a complete disregard for regional Queensland and the environment, sneaking in new legislation allowing for the mass release of potentially toxic water from mines, says Shadow Environment Minister Jackie Trad.

"The Newman Government must come clean about its dirty plan to release dirty water from mines into catchments serving regional communities," Ms Trad said.

She said the government was on the verge of releasing tens of thousands of litres of toxic water into the Rockhampton region's waterways from mines still holding flood waters.

"The changes introduced on Thursday by Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney are contained in the Economic Development Bill 2012 and allow contaminated water to be released with just a phone call," Ms Trad said.

"Under the Seeney law a mine company will be able to ring the government seeking to release water and the government must say 'yes' or 'no' within 24 hours.

"The new law means water can be released during an emergency such as a flood but it also imposes no time limit, so long after such an emergency water can still be released without the checks and balances normally required.

"It takes away the critical need to protect our environment and protect our water supplies and that should make the people of Central Queensland and Rockhampton very nervous.

"I also question if the government has the qualified staff capable of properly assessing the need for and impact of any releases given the number of people it is sacking.

"Last Thursday in Question Time the Premier, Deputy Premier and the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection closed ranks and failed to provide full answers to specific Opposition questions - each obfuscating over who was talking to whom and what was being released where.

"Then, less than an hour after they refused to detail how much water they were about to release from mines and who

was cutting a secret deal with which mining company, they foisted this new legislation upon Queensland communities.

"What we know is there has been speculation that a deal has been done with the mining industry to allow water releases as a trade-off for royalty hikes in the State Budget. The government has also established a secretive cabinet sub-committee on resources which has been charged with aggressively and ruthlessly slashing regulations.

"Now what we find out is even before the committee has finished its investigation, the Government is already considering releasing toxic water into the Fitzroy River Basin."

Ms Trad said the release of mine water posed major environmental risks to the Fitzroy River Basin and some of the state's most vulnerable ecosystems.

"This may also lead to highly toxic water being released into Rockhampton's water supply. This Government freely admits that it meets with mining companies on a regular basis, but has so far refused to consult with Queenslanders and explain what impact these decisions will have on local communities."

Suggested response:

"Contrary to the claims made by the opposition, legislative changes made on Thursday were a result of the Flood Commission of Inquiry- not a 'secret deal' with resource companies."

"The Flood Commission specifically found issues with the way existing legislation limited government's ability to make timely decisions in the event of an emergency and made specific mention of mines in relation to flooding."

"Equally, the Flood Commission of Inquiry also recommended changes to allow emergency direction to be given orally where it is not practicable to provide the direction in writing."

"As the former member for South Brisbane and former Premier Anna Bligh told Queenslanders in March this year, 'you don't have a commission of inquiry to ignore the recommendations.'"

"The Newman government is implementing recommendations that both sides of politics promised to deliver ahead of the election in March.

"Rather than supporting the recommendations 'lock, stock and barrel' as they promised before the election, the Labor Party has instead chosen to try and score political points."

"We acknowledge that the floods in 2011 have had a significant impact on the resource industry, however, water quality is always our highest priority and we will not allow any release of water that poses a risk to environmental or human health."
ENDS-

Supporting information:

Economic Development Bill- Nov 1, 2012 Pg 23

Amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

-The amendments are specific to the FCoI and its recommendations.

(Recommendations 13.9, 13.10, and 13.11).

The Queensland Flood Commission of Inquiry (FCoI) Final Report identified a number of concerns about the use of transitional environmental programs (TEPs) as the mechanism for the release of waters from mines during flood conditions, including the number of criteria to be considered in making a decision, the time taken to process applications, and the lack of predictability of application outcomes.

recommendation 13.16 of the Queensland Flood Commission

of Inquiry report recommended that the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* be amended to permit an emergency direction (under the existing section 468) to be given orally where it is not practicable to provide the direction in writing, with provision for its subsequent confirmation in writing. This is consistent with directions under the existing section 467.

Self-regulatory, co-regulatory and non-regulatory options are not suitable since the relevant recommendations of the FCoI Final Report are about regulatory tools (i.e. amendments to the existing emergency powers in the legislation, or a tool to override conditions of an environmental authority, which is created under legislation).

Bligh, Newman vow to adopt flood inquiry's recommendations

The Australian March 17, 2012

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/bligh-newman-vow-to-adopt-flood-inquirys-recommendations/story-fn59niix-1226302144577>

Kristian Schluter

From: Andrea Musch <Andrea.Musch@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2012 9:03 AM
Subject: Committee Business Schedule
Attachments: 121107-28.pdf

The Committee Business Schedule is attached and also online at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/Upcoming-Committee-Business>

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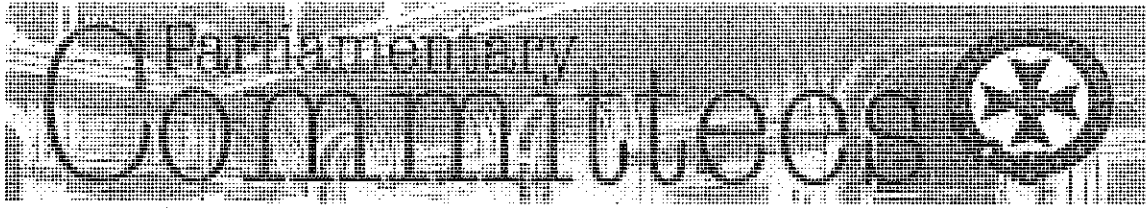
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DATE / COMMITTEE	TIME	VENUE
FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2012		
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee		
Private meeting	9.20am	Room A.31
Public hearing – <i>Economic Development Bill 2012</i>	9.30am – 1.00pm	Legislative Assembly Chamber*
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2012		
Finance and Administration Committee		
Public departmental briefing – <i>SEQ Water (Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012</i>	1.00–2:00pm	Committee Room 1
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2012		
Committee of the Legislative Assembly		
Private meeting	4:00pm	Room 5.30
WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2012		
Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee		
Private meeting	9.00am-12.00pm	Room 5.30
Education and Innovation Committee		
Private meeting	9.00 – 10.00 am	Room 5.04
Finance and Administration Committee		
Private meeting	8:00-8:15am	Room A.31
Public hearing – Inquiry Into Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme	8:15am – 9:00am	Legislative Assembly
	9:15am – 10:30am	Chamber*
	10:45am – 12:00pm	
	12:15pm – 1:00pm	
Health and Community Services Committee		
Private meeting	8:45am	Room 5.04A
Public round-table – Palliative care services and home and community care services inquiry	9.15am-11.15am	Undumbi Room
Public hearing – <i>Racing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012</i>	11.20am-12.30pm	Dandliir Room
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee		
Private meeting	9.00am- 12.00pm	Committee Room 1
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee		
Private meeting	9.30am-12.00pm	Committee Room 2
Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee		
Private meeting	9.00am-12.00pm	Committee Room 3
THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2012		
Ethics Committee		
Private meeting	12.00-1.00pm	Committee Room 3

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2012

Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee

Public hearing - Inquiry into Queensland's Agriculture and Resource Industries	8.00am-12.10pm	Dandliir Room*
Public departmental briefing - Inquiry into Queensland's Agriculture and Resource Industries	12.40-1.40pm	Dandliir Room*
Public hearing - Inquiry into Queensland's Agriculture and Resource Industries	1.40-2.10pm	Dandliir Room*

Finance and Administration Committee

Private meeting	8:00am-8:15am	Committee Room 2
Private hearing - Inquiry into Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme	8:15am - 9:30am	Committee Room 2
Public hearing - Inquiry into Queensland's Workers' Compensation Scheme	9:45am - 10:45am	Legislative Assembly Chamber*
	11:00am - 12:00pm	

Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee

Private meeting	8.30am	Committee Room 3
Private meeting with the Crime and Misconduct Commission	9.30am	Committee Room 3
Private meeting	10.30am-12.30pm	Committee Room 3

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2012

Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

Private meeting	8:30-11:00am	tba
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WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2012

Health and Community Services Committee

Private meeting	9.00am	Room 5.04A
Public round-table - Palliative care services and home and community care services Inquiry	Tbc	Undumbi Room

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